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them were in other conditions than those which we already have, and have been added to the collection.

A collection from California, presented by Dr. Gibbons, has also been named, and added to the collection. Many of these we did not possess before.

The collection of Australian plants presented by Dr. Mueller a few years ago, besides scattering collections from Alaska and other parts, have been all gathered together in their respective natural orders. The cases containing the *general Herbarium* of the Academy are full, and numbered consecutively. No additions can be made until the whole is re-arranged. The collections above referred to are, therefore, for the present preserved separate, as a supplemental herbarium.

In the beginning of the year it was found that the plants in the magnificent Shortian Herbarium were being badly injured by insects. By authority of the Curators, Mr. Burk was engaged to poison them. He has since been steadily engaged on the work, which is about two-thirds completed.

All the plants in the collections before alluded to were poisoned before putting away by the labors of Mr. Burk.

THOMAS MEEHAN,  
For Committee.

## REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Recording Secretary would respectfully report that, during the year ending November 30th, 1870, there have been elected thirty-seven members and five correspondents.

The death of the following members has been announced, namely:

Benj. D. Walsh, Mrs. E. H. Vaux, Caleb S. Hallowell, Wm. P. Wilstach, Richard Wood.

Four members have resigned.

The number of papers contributed and ordered to be printed in the Proceedings of the Academy and Medical Journals during the year has been nineteen, as follows:

Elliott Cones, M. D.....	1	Prof. Cyrus Thomas.....	1
C. F. Austin.....	1	T. Hale Streets.....	2
F. B. Meek & A. H. Worthen.....	2	Theodore Gill.....	1
Prof. C. Johnson.....	1	E. D. Cope.....	1
Thomas Meehan.....	5	H. M. Bannister.....	1
F. B. Meek.....	1		

In the Medical Journals two, namely:

S. W. Mitchell, M. D.....	1	James Tyson.....	1
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All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. B. HOWELL, *Recording Secretary.*

The Treasurer's report was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Report of the Recorder of the Microscopical and Biological Section was received and referred to the Publication Committee.

The following is an extract from the same:

The great event in our history as an association, during the year which has just elapsed, was unquestionably the first Annual *Conversazione* held in the Hall of the College of Physicians, on the 12th of May, with a degree of success and satisfaction, not only to ourselves, as hosts, but also to our invited  
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guests, that has rarely, if ever, been equaled by any similar scientific reunion before held in this city.

It was followed early in June by an exhibition of microscopes and microscopical apparatus, given to the members of the State Medical Society, with almost equal *eclat*, and which probably aided largely to diffuse among the rural practitioners of our State an accurate knowledge of the immense strides made during the past few years in the various departments of Microscopical Science.

The new plan of constituting every alternate meeting a conversational one, determined upon in accordance with suggestions contained in the resolutions brought forward by Dr. R. S. Kenderdine, in June last, has now been on trial for about three months, and, although its practical operation does not yet prove entirely without difficulties, it is to be hoped that greater care and further experience will enable us to derive from this novel feature the marked advantages which it seems capable of affording us.

Before concluding my report I may advert to the new and agreeable field of usefulness, which has been opened to us through the relations of our parent Academy, with the Smithsonian Institution, at Washington, to wit: the reference of subjects requiring microscopical investigation to our department for examination and report; indeed, it appears to me that few opportunities of conducting towards a wide spread, enduring reputation, usefulness and influence for the Biological and Microscopical Section of the Academy, are more promising than those which invite our researches to matters of national interest and importance, such, for example, as the dust showers which occasionally visit our country. In fact, although in one respect, that of electing honorary and corresponding members, we may labor under certain restrictions on account of our connection with the Academy, so great and counterbalancing advantages are derived from this association that, to quote the words of our late Recorder, Dr. Tyson, in his last annual report, "We believe that any attempt to weigh them would result decidedly in favor of such union."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOS. G. RICHARDSON, *Recorder*.

## REPORTS OF THE CONCHOLOGICAL SECTION.

### RECORDER'S REPORT.

HALL OF THE ACADEMY, *December 1st, 1870.*

The Recorder would report that, during the year ending this date, there have been accepted, for publication in the Journal, thirty-three papers by the following authors:—

Wm. H. Dall,.....	5	T. A. Conrad,.....	4
Geo. W. Tryon, Jr.,.....	7	Jno. H. Redfield,.....	2
Prof. A. Brot,.....	1	Theo. Gill, M. D.,.....	1
James Lewis, M. D.,.....	2	W. H. Pease,....	2
Binney and Bland,.....	1	J. G. Cooper, M. D.,.....	4
John Wolf,.....	1	Wm. G. Binney.....	1
R. J. L. Guppy,.....	1	W. D. Hartman,.....	1

One member has resigned, and one has died.

He regrets to report that no members or correspondents have been elected during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. ROBERTS, *Recorder*.

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